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I wish to register my opposition to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement does little to redress the past actions committed by Microsoft, nor does it adequately seek to prevent them from committing similar actions in the future.

Much of the settlement does not even appear to correct the situation; in some places it actually codifies Microsoft's ability to continue its current practices. Little in the settlement will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its monopoly position in the operating system market.

Microsoft must receive an adequate penalty for the charges it faces. The simple fact that it is publicly declaring its happiness with the current proposal and resisting any attempts to change it should be warning enough that it will ultimately be ineffective.

I urge the court to seek another remedy. If a settlement cannot be found that meets requirements, please do not allow a settlement to take place, and instead proceed with appropriate legal penalties.

Sincerely,

Andrew Carpenter